

**Table B-9. Amount owed for undergraduate loans among science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by major field of degree: April 1999**

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total recipients	Amount owed <sup>1</sup>			
		Did not owe	\$1-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	743,400	352,000	119,200	207,600	64,700
Total science.....	628,800	297,200	100,900	175,400	55,300
Computer and information sciences.....	46,000	23,600	9,500	10,300	2,600
Life and related sciences, total.....	164,000	83,200	22,100	45,500	13,200
Agricultural and food sciences.....	15,700	7,700	3,100	3,800	S
Biological sciences.....	134,900	68,800	17,500	37,200	11,400
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	13,500	6,700	S	4,600	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	23,700	11,000	3,800	6,300	2,700
Physical and related sciences, total.....	36,500	16,600	6,600	10,200	3,100
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	20,100	9,000	3,800	5,600	1,600
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	8,700	4,100	1,600	2,400	700
Physics and astronomy.....	7,200	3,100	1,100	2,100	800
Other physical sciences.....	600	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	146,700	65,600	24,100	43,100	14,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	211,800	97,200	34,900	59,900	19,700
Economics.....	32,700	17,700	4,500	7,100	3,500
Political science and related sciences.....	71,700	33,300	10,600	20,900	6,900
Sociology and anthropology.....	69,500	28,500	13,300	21,500	6,200
Other social sciences.....	37,900	17,800	6,500	10,500	3,100
Total engineering.....	114,600	54,800	18,300	32,200	9,300
Aerospace and related engineering.....	2,400	1,200	400	600	200
Chemical engineering.....	12,400	5,900	2,100	3,200	1,100
Civil and architectural engineering.....	20,200	10,300	2,800	5,300	1,800
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	34,200	15,300	5,800	10,800	2,200
Industrial engineering.....	6,000	2,600	900	2,000	500
Mechanical engineering.....	26,300	12,800	4,400	6,800	2,300
Other engineering.....	13,200	6,600	1,800	3,400	1,300

<sup>1</sup> The amount owed represents the amount of outstanding undergraduate debt the respondent reported on the reference date of the survey.

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999